

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 41313
FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC.
RN102731676
Docket No. 2011-0408-EAQ-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

EAQ

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

MKR Subdivision, on southbound Interstate 35 access road, one-half mile north of State Highway 79, Round Rock, Williamson County

Type of Operation:

Construction site

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: June 24, 2011

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$3,000

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$600

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$2,400

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - N/A

Site/RN - N/A

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: January 12, 2011

Date(s) of NOE(s): March 14, 2011

Violation Information

Failed to obtain approval of a modification to an approved Water Pollutant Abatement Plan ("WPAP") prior to beginning a regulated activity over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Specifically, the Country Inn and Suites Hotel and associated drives had been constructed on the Site without first obtaining approval of a modification to the WPAP [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.4(a) and (j) and WPAP No. 11-01073101, Special Condition].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

On March 8, 2011, the Respondent submitted an administratively complete WPAP modification application for WPAP No. 11-01073101 to the TCEQ.

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning the WPAP modification application within 30 days of such requests or by any other deadline specified in writing; and
- b. Within 45 days, submit written certification demonstrating compliance.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

SOAH Referral Date: N/A

Hearing Date(s): N/A

Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Jorge Ibarra, P.E., Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 3, MC R-04, (817) 588-5890; Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A

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Respondent: Dinesh B. Patel, President, FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC., P.O. Box 1177, Round Rock, Texas 78680

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	14-Mar-2011	Screening	15-Mar-2011	EPA Due	
	PCW	16-Mar-2011				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC.		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102731676		
Facility/Site Region	11-Austin	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	41313	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2011-0408-EAQ-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Edwards Aquifer	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Jorge Ibarra, P.E.
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 3
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) **Subtotal 1** \$3,000

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History **0.0%** Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7** \$0

Notes: No adjustment for compliance history.

Culpability **No** **0.0%** Enhancement **Subtotal 4** \$0

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments **Subtotal 5** \$0

Economic Benefit **0.0%** Enhancement* **Subtotal 6** \$0

Total EB Amounts \$233
Approx. Cost of Compliance \$6,500

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 **Final Subtotal** \$3,000

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **0.0%** **Adjustment** \$0

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount \$3,000

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty** \$3,000

DEFERRAL **20.0%** Reduction **Adjustment** -\$600

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes:

Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY \$2,400

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PCW

Respondent FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC.

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Media [Statute] Edwards Aquifer

Enf. Coordinator Jorge Ibarra, P.E.

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
Please Enter Yes or No			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 0%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance
History
Notes

No adjustment for compliance history.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

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Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 213.4(a) and (j) and Water Pollution Abatement Plan ("WPAP") No. 11-01073101, Special Condition

Violation Description Failed to obtain approval of a modification to an approved WPAP prior to beginning a regulated activity over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Specifically, the Country Inn and Suites Hotel and associated drives had been constructed on the Site without first obtaining approval of a modification to the WPAP.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
	x		

Percent 10%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 3

62 Number of violation days

mark only one
with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$3,000

Three monthly events are recommended based on the investigation date of January 12, 2011 to the screening date of March 15, 2011.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$3,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$233

Violation Final Penalty Total \$3,000

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$3,000

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC.
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Media Edwards Aquifer
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$6,500	12-Jan-2011	1-Oct-2011	0.72	\$233	n/a	\$233

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to prepare and submit an application for modification of a WPAP. Date required is the investigation date and the final date is the expected compliance date.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$6,500

TOTAL

\$233

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN603818063 FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC.	Classification:	Rating:
Regulated Entity:	RN102731676 MKR SUBDIVISION	Classification:	Site Rating:
ID Number(s):	EDWARDS AQUIFER	REGISTRATION	11-01102301
	EDWARDS AQUIFER	REGISTRATION	11-01073101
	EDWARDS AQUIFER	REGISTRATION	11-01073102
Location:	located on southbound Interstate 35 access road, one half-mile north of State Highway 79 in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas		
TCEQ Region:	REGION 11 - AUSTIN		
Date Compliance History Prepared:	March 15, 2011		
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement		
Compliance Period:	March 15, 2006 to March 15, 2011		
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History			
Name:	Jorge Ibarra, P.E.	Phone:	(817) 588-5890

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? Yes
2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? No
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A
- 6.

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
- B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
- C. Chronic excessive emissions events.
N/A
- D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
N/A
- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
N/A
- F. Environmental audits.
N/A
- G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).
N/A
- H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.
N/A
- I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.
N/A
- J. Early compliance.
N/A

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC.
RN102731676**

**§ BEFORE THE
§
§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON
§
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2011-0408-EAQ-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its _____ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC. ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a construction site located on the southbound Interstate 35 access road, one half-mile north of State Highway 79 in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas (the "Site").
2. The Respondent has committed any other act or engaged in any other activity which in itself or in conjunction with any other discharge or activity causes, continues to cause, or will cause pollution of any water in the state under TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26.
3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about March 19, 2011.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations").

The Respondent has paid Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) of the administrative penalty and Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
9. The Executive Director recognizes that on March 8, 2011, the Respondent submitted an administratively complete Water Pollution Abatement Plan ("WPAP") modification application for WPAP No. 11-01073101 to the TCEQ.
10. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
11. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
12. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Site, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to obtain approval of a modification to an approved WPAP prior to beginning a regulated activity over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.4(a) and (j) and WPAP No. 11-01073101, Special Condition, as documented during an investigation conducted on January 12, 2011. Specifically, the Country Inn and Suites Hotel and associated drives had been constructed on the Site without first obtaining approval of a modification to the WPAP.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC., Docket No. 2011-0408-EAQ-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning the WPAP modification application within 30 days after the date of such requests or by any other deadline specified in writing; and
 - b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Water Section, Manager
Austin Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
2800 S IH 35, Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78704-5712

3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Site operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
7. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph

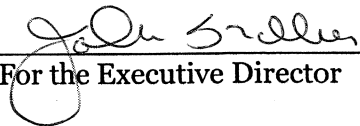
exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.

8. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission



For the Executive Director

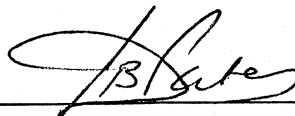
Date 6/30/2011

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.



Signature

Date May 27, 2011

DINESH. PATEL

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
FALCON HOSPITALITY, INC.

Title PRESIDENT

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.